

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 3rd, 2021 9:30 am Worship Service ZOOM 706 565 767, Passcode 767

SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Welcome to
Shepherd of the
Hills
Lutheran Church
"A Place to Call Home"

Our Mission Statement

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church seeks to demonstrate God's grace, to learn and grow in the Christian faith, and to serve with humility.

Our Welcoming Statement

As an inclusive congregation, we welcome all into God's love and grace without regard to:

Ability * Age * Beliefs * Culture * Ethnicity * Gender Identity * Income * Language * Life Circumstances * Marital Status * Race * Sexual Orientation

As God's grace welcomes all, we are united in Christ

Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you need assistance following the order of worship, feel free to ask your neighbor for help. May this time of worship encourage and strengthen you for the week ahead. We hope you'll worship with us again.

Pastor: Carolyn Hayford (803) 606-6683 Secretary: Liz Satterfield (205) 995-9673

Musician: Ann Jones (205) 902-2444 Council President: Larry Smith (205) 988-6449

Soloist: Eric Campbell

Serving us today in Worship:

Worship Assistant:Kim BoettnerZoomster:Carrie PetersReader:Sonya ReynoldsHead Zoom Usher:Peggy HuckabaaChildren's Message: Gene MyersA/V:John BoettnerMusic:Ann JonesSoloist:Eric Campbell

Please check out our new and improved website: www.sothl.org.

Note that pictures taken at various church events and services are posted on both our website and our Facebook page. If you do not want your picture to appear on our page or on the web site for any reason, please alert the church office at office@sothl.org or 205-995-9673 so that your request can be honored.

We pray that our time together will be an inspiration to all. Our order of worship is Setting Three from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW red). Our order of worship is printed in its entirety below. **Congregation** responses are indicated in **bold** print, P: Pastor, **C: Congregation**

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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LYDIA'S CIRCLE Wednesday October 6th at 9:30 am on Zoom Meeting ID: 524 874 986

WEDNESDAY SMALL GROUP During the offering today, you'll see a short presentation from them

INSPIRITUS Refugees and Afghan asylum seekers are being resettled through Inspiritus which was formerly called Lutheran Ministries of Georgia. It is a Lutheran entity in the Southeastern Synod that works with Lutheran Immigration and Refugee services. The Afghans coming to Birmingham are being admitted through Humanitarian Parole as asylum seekers, thus they will not have all of the governmental benefits provided to refugees. If they were refugees, it would take 2 years staying outside the US to be processed. For more information, see the article at https://www.brookings.edu/blog/fixgov/2021/09/10/the-evacuation-of-afghan-refugees-is-over-now-what/. Ways you can help and be supportive to the resettlement of refugees/asylum seekers include: be a volunteer, donate furniture/other items, help find employment for them, write your congressional representative asking them for legislation to provide all arriving Afghans with refugee status, Support Inspiritus financially either directly or through SOTH

PRELUDE Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue arr: Anne Krentz.Organ

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

C: Amen

A: Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

A: Eternal God our creator.

C: In you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God \oplus forgives you all your sins.

C: Amen.
GATHERING HYMN ELW 796 How Firm a Foundation ALL VERSES



Text: J. Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, 1787, alt. Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you





PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray.

A: Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE FIRST READING: Genesis 2:18-24

Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in relationship. Out of love for humanity, God creates them male and female, to provide companionship for each other and to become with each other "one flesh." The Hebrew words used here are ish (man) and ishshah (woman).

¹⁸The Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones

and flesh of my flesh;

this one shall be called Woman,

for out of Man this one was taken."

²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Please read Psalm 8 responsively.

¹O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

²you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon, and the stars you have set in their courses.

⁴what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?

⁵Yet you have made them little less ¹ than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

⁶You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:

⁷all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

8the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

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SECOND READING: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Quoting from the psalms, this passage from Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus, the one through whom God created everything and who sits at God's right hand, is also the one who experienced human suffering and death in order to blaze the path of salvation for us.

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? ⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, ⁸subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





THE HOLY GOSPEL Mark 10:2-16

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God's surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.

²Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." ⁵But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

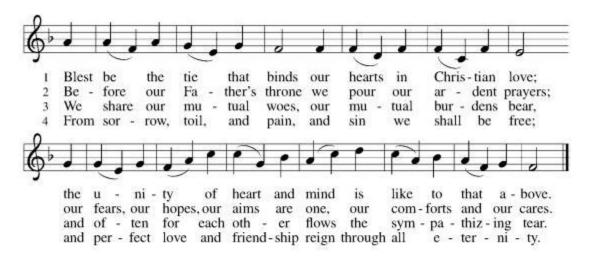
¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

THE HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 656 Blest Be the Tie that Binds ALL VERSES



Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817, alt.

Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773-1836, adapt.

THE APOSTLES CREED ELW 105

A: Let us confess together our faith using the words of the Apostle's Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

<u>I believe in Jesus Christ,</u> God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

<u>I believe in the Holy Spirit</u>, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Lord, in your mercy

C: hear our prayer.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Today you will see a trailer of a film called Human Flow, which highlights the 65 million people who left their homes to escape famine, climate change, and war. We watched and discussed this film together on Wednesday night and felt that it was something that needed to be shared with the congregation Human Flow is available on Amazon Prime for free.

A: The work and mission of the church continues no matter how we gather, in person, electronically, wherever two or more are gathered together in His name. Lord on this day, we bring our tithes and offerings, giving from the abundance that you have given us.

THE OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray together,

C: Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

P: Send your Spirit of truth, O God; Rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

C: Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Please speak whichever version, in whatever language, you prefer.)

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

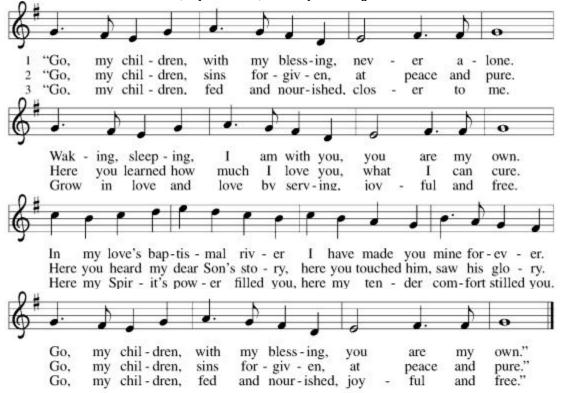
C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

P: People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, + one God, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW 543 Go, My Children, With My Blessing ALL VERSES



Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt. Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional Text © 1983 Concordia Publishing House

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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Blest Be the Tide that Binds arr: Anna Laura Page

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Next Week's Lesson

THE FIRST READING: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15
PSALM: Psalm 90:12-17
THE SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:12-16
THE GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-31

Intercessory Prayer

We are a praying community; believing in the value of prayer. We ask that you keep the congregation, our community, and all those on the prayer list insert in your prayers during the week. Prayer request cards can be found in the Narthex or in the back of the hymnal. Please utilize the Intercessory Prayer insert during your prayers this week.

Worship Servants for October 10:

Worship Assistant: Zoomster: Marie Prine Ron Wooster John Boettner Head Zoom Usher: Susan Pritchett Reader: Children's Message: Gene Myers A/V: Gene Myers Music: Ann Jones Soloist: Eric Campbell

THIS WEEK AT SOTH

E-Worship Meeting ID 706 565 767, Sunday 9:30 am Pass code 767 10/3

11:30 am Leadership Retreat

Monday

7:00 pm AA – New Hope, Alanon

Tuesday 7:00 pm Zoom Social/Covid19 Q&A **Meeting ID** 706 565 767.

Pass code 767

Wednesday 9:30 am Wednesday Bible Study **Meeting ID** 175 995 438

> 9:30 am Lydia's Circle **Meeting ID** 524 874 986

> 6:30 pm Prayer, Meditation and **Meeting ID** 706 565 767 Pass code 767

Conversation

Thursday Friday

Saturday 6:30 pm AA – New Hope

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OPPORTUNITY FOR A LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCE – ELCA Southeastern Synod is sponsoring a trip – Cristo Rey Border Immersion Program at El Paso, Texas and Juarez, Mexico. March 12-19, 2022. Limited availability; only 14 participants. To find out more, go to https://enconjunto.weebly.com/2022-bie.html. Do not need to know Spanish.

INTERESTED IN ADVOCACY? The Southeastern Synod wants to know what who is interested in what issues and bring people together. Answer the survey by using this link: https://se-reg.brtapp.com/AdvocacySurvey54

COVID-19 NOTIFIERS: The COVID Task Force has established the following process to ensure we do not need to modify our current procedures and to help identify a potential cluster early: Anyone who attends a church even (even parking lot ones) or has been in the church building for any reason, and tests positive for COVID within 2 weeks of being here, is asked to contact one of the volunteers on this list below. Your name will be kept completely confidential.

COVID-19 Indicators to Guide Phased Re-opening

9/28/2021

Goal Source Phase1 Last week Current | Data Date | Trend Status Decrease/no change in new daily cases (14 day ave.) 28-Sep Α No No No Test positivity < 5% (7 day mov. Ave) В >10% 16.1% 14.1% 23-Sep No Disease Burden < 10 per 100,000 В >20 66.4 53.4 27-Sep No >800 1947 1512 27-Sep Hospitalizations of confirmed covid No

ASource: Alabama Department of Public Health Covid 19 Dashboard

^BSource: Covidactnow.org

SOTH is currently in Phase 1. Phase 1 is the most restrictive phase.

Thank you! Jared Brunswick, 205-531-5428, <u>jrdbrunswick@yahoo.com</u>; Erica Bjornstad, 443-717-0065, ericaecuador@yahoo.com; Susan Pritchett, 205-602-1282, sspritch@bellsouth.net.

WORSHIP MUSIC - Wondering about the beautiful music you hear in our worship service? It's Eric Campbell's and Christine Wells' voices. The piano is played by Ann Jones. We appreciate them sharing their gifts to the glory of God.

ZOOM MEETINGS

SUNDAY - E - WORSHIP:

Sundays at 9:30 am. Consider signing on early to catch up with friends and family. The room is open at 9:00 am. Click on the link below:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/706565767?pwd=MjJMbEIyM2pNMkkvaHJWNW1YSHU0UT09

Or call this number: 1-312-626-6799

Enter Meeting ID 706 565 767. Passcode 767

SUNDAY - SPANISH PRAYER MINISTRY:

Led by Pastor Ed Cortes – 1st Sunday in the Month at 2:30pm

Click this link: https://zoom.us/i/88295986939

MONDAY - SOTH COVID TASK FORCE:

Mondays at 7:00PM – Based on circumstance

Click this link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/706565767?pwd=MjJMbElyM2pNMkkvaHJWNW1YSHU0UT

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TUESDAY – NIGHT ZOOM SOCIAL:

A question and answer session with Erica Bjornstad, pediatrician epidemiologist, regarding current status of COVID-19 which has morphed into a Friendly support group. If you do have any questions about COVID-19 or just want to check in with some friendly folks. Tuesdays at 7:00 pm

Click this link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/706565767?pwd=MjJMbElyM2pNMkkvaHJWNW1YSHU0UT 09

WEDNESDAY - BIBLE STUDY:

Wednesday at 9:30am

Click this link: https://zoom.us/j/175995438

WEDNESDAY - LYDIA CIRCLE:

All women are welcome to join. Normally first Wednesday of the month at 9:30 am

Click this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/524874986
Or call this number: 1-312-626-6799 Enter meeting ID: 524 874 986

WEDNESDAY PRAYER, MEDITATION & CONVERSATION

We view films and videos and talk about topics of interest. Join Pastor Carolyn and your church friends to talk openly in a safe space. Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 pm Click this link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/706565767?pwd=MjJMbElyM2pNMkkvaHJWNW1YSHU0UT09

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Children's Worship Bulletin

Coloring Page



Matching Quiz

Choose the word that best matches the definition.

- ____1. Small in size
 A. little B. belongs C. blessed D. truth
- ____2. Sons and daughters, young people
 A. little B. touch C. children D. arms
- To come in contact with or to feel with your fingers
 A. kingdom B. blessed C. arms D. touch
- ____4. A statement accepted as fact
 A. children B. truth C. belongs D. kingdom
- ____5. A country or territory ruled by a a king or queen A. arms B. little C. kingdom D. touch
- To be a member of a group, such as a club or organization
 A. belongs B. touch C. blessed D. kingdom
- The parts of the body which connect the hands to the shoulders
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- ____8. Bringing happiness, pleasure, or contentment to someone
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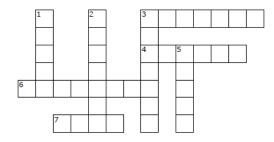
Word Search Puzzle

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LITTLE	DISCIPLES	HINDER	TRUTH	HANDS
CHILDREN	REBUKED	KINGDOM	ANYONE	BLESSED





ACROSS

- Bringing happiness, pleasure, or contentment to someone
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- Sons and daughters, young people
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DOWN

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- A country or territory ruled by a a king or queen
- 3. To be a member of a group, such as a club or organization
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